GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NARCO TERRORISM
SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Narco terrorism alarms Intelligence agencies` as reported in the `Statesman` dated August 29, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the Intelligence agencies have expressed their concern over the increased narco terrorist activities of militant organization in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to face the narco terrorist activities of militants in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Certain instances of smuggling of sizeable quantities of weapons, explosives, narcotic drugs and counterfeit Indian currency notes by smugglers operating in connivance with terrorists have come to notice. A significant proportion of narcotic drugs is being trafficked into India from Indo Pak Border. It is also reported that Pakistan agencies utilize drug mainly for financing trans-border terrorism. The Government of India have apprised Government of Pakistan about it.

Government has adopted a well coordinated and multi pronged approach for tackling the activities of these smugglers & militants which includes strengthening the border management to check illegal cross border activities, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close interaction between agencies of the Centre and the State Governments, neutralizing plans of anti national elements by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc. The Central Agencies are regularly sharing information on smuggling of Narcotic Drugs and circulation of Fake Indian Currency notes with the concerned agencies including the State Governments from time to time. All the Enforcement Agencies have been asked to maintain utmost vigilance along the border with Pakistan and step up enforcement efforts under the stringent provision contained in Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropics Substances Act.